

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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Herbal Trade

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the trade in herbs during each of the last three years, item-wise indicating India's share in global trade in herbs at present;
- (b) whether India's share in global trade in herbs is very low despite farming and availability of herbal items in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase India's share in global trade of herbs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Details of the trade in herbs during the last three years, item-wise are as under:

(A) Exports

(VALUE In US \$)

ITCHS Description 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (Apr-Feb) (Prov.)

12112000 Ginseng Roots Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered 67035 207 12050

12113000 Coca Leaf Frsh/Drid W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered 724 0 0

12114000 Popy Straw Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered 6083 517 0

12119011 Ambrette Seeds(Must Grains of Vegetable Kingdom) 97747 168592 48975

12119012 Nux Vomica Dried Ripe Seeds 134 361 54

12119013 Psyllium Seed (Isobgul) 1421031 1931354 3811220

12119014 Neem Seed 26569 250 1339

12119015 Jajoba Seed 3057 80 8726

12119019 Other Seeds Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered In Perfmry,Pharm Etc. 4451574 4869298 3268339

12119021 Beladona Leaves 94232 118306 72406

12119022 Senna Leaves And Pads 12819745 14392791 13624849

12119023 Neem Leaves/Powder 149404 218821 159462

12119024 Gymnema Powder 162597 159593 281986

12119025 Cubeb Powder 377 1041 6828

12119026 Pyrethrum 61311 35234 5204

12119029 Other Leaves, Powder,Flurs And Pods Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered 11194772 14657266 12710783

12119031 Cascara Sagrada Bark 1373 45018

12119032 Psyllium Husk (Isobgul Husk) 126117372 151275840 156094004

12119033 Cambodge Fruit Rind/The Dried Pericap Of The Fruits Of Garcinia Cambogia 85731 139345 279778

12119039 Othr Bark, Husk And Rind Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered 1687891 1874172 1012530

12119041 Belladona Roots 257 0 0

12119042 Galangal Rhizomes and Rts Incl. Greater Galanga 2957555 1307911 304412

12119043 Ipecac Dried Rhizome and Roots 269311 31525 0

12119044 Serpentina Roots 37073 41249 9275

12119045 Zedovary Roots 1034089 2272089 5001877

12119046 Kuth Root 105669 98525 165773

12119047 Sarsaparilla 575405 353233 558819

12119048 Sweet Flag Rhizome 304854 174057 72802

12119049 Other Roots and Rhizomes Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered 4862317 7498627 3013294

12119050 Sandal Wood Chips And Dust 2512198 3942168 2129795

12119060 Vinca Rosea (Herbs) 1607734 937024 393721

12119070 Mint,Incl. Leaves(All Species) 254002 241460 202512

12119080 Agarwood (Inclng Chips and Dust) 458634 544796 248237

12119091 Chirata 26442 32936 18732

12119092 Tukmaria 1499515 1366181 2203542

12119093 Unab (Indian Jujube Or Chinese Dates) 20253 3900 3576

12119094 Basil,Hyasop,Rose Mary Sage,Savory 1158645 3981517 3796395

12119096 Garcenia 951001 1326258 485575

12119099 Other Plants and Parts Of Plants Usd In Prfmry, Pharmcy, Insecticdl/Fungicdl Purpse, Fresh/Dried 17128561 27956233
18015841

(B) Imports

(VALUE In US \$)

ITCHS Description 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-Feb) (Prov.)

12112000 Ginseng Roots Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered 88412 12987 88518

12119011 Ambrette Seeds(Must Grains of Vegetable Kingdom) 33016 61671 87954

12119014 Neem Seed 2448 0 0

12119019 Other Seeds Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered In Perfmy, Pharm Etc. 970478 974630 591595

12119021 Beladona Leaves 113

12119022 Senna Leaves And Pads 144720 339145 207056

12119025 Cubebe Powder 737990 658807 726305

12119026 Pyrethrum 248358 31510 281385

12119029 Other Leaves,Powder,Flurs And Pods Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered 18297128 18129110 15703731

12119031 Cascara Sagrada Bark 0 187 362

12119032 Psyllium Husk (Isobgul Husk) 164016 168821 0

12119033 Cambodge Fruit Rind/The Dried Pericap Of The Fruits Of Garcinia Cambogia 0 570 28303

12119039 Othr Bark, Husk And Rind Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered 12953435 14997932 11206751

12119042 Galangal Rhizomes and Rts Incl. Greater Galanga 551847 458246 624534

12119043 Ipecac Dried Rhizome and Roots 164430 255706 160265

12119044 Serpentina Roots 0 0 16315

12119045 Zedovary Roots 0 0 13199

12119047 Sarsaparilla 0 14560 25760

12119049 Other Roots and Rhizomes Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered 6134940 9027224 8483412

12119050 Sandal Wood Chips And Dust 2915168 3779063 4771637

12119060 Vinca Rosea (Herbs) 0 0 0

12119070 Mint, Incl. Leaves(All Species) 491770 746375 803301

12119080 Agarwood (Inclng Chips and Dust) 233366 252150 23284

12119091 Chirata 538182 258583 350678

12119092 Tukmaria 111582 59826 86251

12119093 Unab (Indian Jujube Or Chinese Dates) 41215 25658 49279

12119094 Basil,Hyasop,Rose Mary Sage,Savory 884692 3409949 3047696

12119095 Lovage 97697 123327 88263

12119096 Garcenia 8023989 5675236 5581908

12119099 Other Plants and Parts Of Plants Usd In Prfmry, Pharmcy, Insecticdl/Fungicdl Purpse, Fresh/Dried 5848800 8896864
8520855

Source:DGC&S

India's share in global trade in herbs during 2013 and 2014 (latest available) is as under:

GLOBAL TRADE OF HERBS

(VALUE IN US \$)

YEAR EXPORTS IMPORTS TOTAL TRADE % SHARE

2013 INDIA 207758289 54830885 262589174 4.01

WORLD 3471735246 3069175870 6540911116

2014 INDIA 238707561 68575445 307283006 4.58

WORLD 3481647455 3222806685 6704454140

Source: UN Comtrade

(b) to (d) The major factor for low share of India in herbs in global trade is the high domestic/national consumption.

Some of the key steps taken by the Government to increase India's share in Global trade of Herbs are as under:

(i) Some of the Herbs are eligible for Merchandise Export of India Scheme (MEIS) benefits if exported to specified countries.

(ii) For sustainable availability of the herbal raw material in the country and to promote exports, the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH is supporting large scale cultivation of medicinal plants under its Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM).

Under the scheme there is a component on "Medicinal Plants" which is primarily aimed at supporting cultivation of medicinal plants on farmers land with backward linkages through establishment of nurseries for supply of quality planting material, and forward linkages for post-harvest management.

The cultivation of medicinal plants is supported by providing subsidy at stipulated rates on cost of cultivation to farmers through the identified implementing agency of concerned state. The assistance is provided as per the State Annual Action Plan approved for concerned State.
